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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 1287

DEPT FOR ARA LABOR ADVISOR JOHN O'GRADY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB, PINS, SHUM, AR  
SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF LOCAL POWER UNION LEADER: SITREP 1500  
HOURS FEBRUARY 16

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1236

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SMITH DISAPPEARANCE CASE, EXCEPT THAT THE LIGHT AND POWER WORKERS HAVE RETURNED TO WORK SO AS NOT TO PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE KIDNAPPERS, WHO, THEY CONTINUE TO SUSPECT, MAY BE HOLDING SMITH AS A PAWN IN A POWER PLAY WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES. TACCONI TOLD US TODAY HIS GUESS WAS THAT THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE (OF THE NAVY) WAS TO FORCE GENERAL VIOLA'S DISMISSAL (WITHOUT REMOVING PRESIDENT VIDELA--AT LEAST IN THE INITIAL STAGE), ALTHOUGH TACCONI HAD NO CONCRETE INFORMATION TENDING TO SUBSTANTIATE THE HYPOTHESIS THAT THE NAVY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SMITH'S DISAPPEARANCE.

2. LABOR MINISTER LIENDO TOLD US THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO FIND SMITH.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF AFL-CIO HAS SENT CABLES.

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